



## **Richard Schneider**

A native of Queens, New York, Dr. Richard W. Schneider is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He was commissioned as an ensign in the Coast Guard and served eight years of active duty, including a tour of Vietnam. Dr. Schneider retired from the Coast Guard Reserve as a Rear Admiral.

In July 1992, Dr. Schneider became the 23<sup>rd</sup> President of Norwich University.

During Dr. Schneider's tenure Norwich University has seen major improvements on multiple fronts. Academically, four colleges now offer 39 different undergraduate majors, five of which are degree completion programs offered online. Other accomplishments include: an increase in total undergraduate enrollment by over 25%, from 1730 to approximately 2400, and enrollment in the Corps of Cadets by 50% from 941 to over 1600; increased undergraduate student selectivity with an increase in average SAT scores and the percentage of applicants accepted dropping from 93% to 68.7%; establishment of the College of Graduate and Continuing Studies, which currently has more than 1600 online students enrolled in 16 programs including master's degrees, bachelor's degrees and professional certificates, and an Honors Program has been instituted.

Also during his tenure, Schneider has made substantial additions to the physical plant including Kreitzberg Library, Bartoletto Hall, Wise Campus Center, Sullivan Museum and History Center, Kreitzberg Arena, Shaw Outdoor Center and Doyle Hall, a biomass plant, two new dormitories, Dalrymple and South Halls; renovations to the Haynes Family Stadium at Sabine Field and Kreitzberg Library as well as plans for new construction and investments from the Forging the Future \$100 million five-year bicentennial campaign, culminating in 2019. The Sullivan Museum and History Center has also been recognized as a Smithsonian Affiliate.

The university has produced positive financial results: net positive annual income; investment grade bond rating and increased its endowment from \$40 million to over \$208 million.

The Norwich Forever campaign exceeded the \$55 million goal by raising \$82 million. The Bearing the Torch effort exceeded the \$20.2 million goal and raised more than \$24 million. Dr. Schneider has led five consecutive campaigns, which have all exceeded the fundraising goals since "Norwich 2000" was launched in 1984.

With a focus on internationalizing the campus, numerous programs at Norwich are now offered to give students the opportunity to study abroad, and to study with others who come to Norwich from overseas, including an international program for architecture, visual arts, history, political science and international studies at CityLAB:Berlin, a remote campus located in Germany's capital.

Under President Schneider's leadership, the National Center for the Study of Counter Terrorism and Cyber Crime at Norwich University was created in federal statute.

Norwich created an Office of Academic Research in 2007 with over \$10M in funded projects over the past seven years. In 2015, the Peace and War Center at Norwich was established to advance interdisciplinary knowledge for students, scholars, and practitioners on the relationship between peace and warfare at local, national, and global levels. Later this year, with the goal of building resilient communities in the wake of emerging global concerns primarily related to climate change, Norwich will debut the Center for Global Resilience and Security with focused themes in the areas of Water, Infrastructure, Climate and Energy.

Dr. Schneider lives in Woodbury Hall in Northfield with his wife, Jaime. During his spare time he enjoys being with his 15 grandchildren.